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Sir:

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## **CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

The Examiner is respectfully advised that the relevant point of the Japanese patents submitted herewith is that the shaft for integrally operating pulley and impeller has had hollow portion and mechanical seal has been provided on the shaft.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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